GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3342
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INDUS WATER TREATY
CHARAN DAS MAHANT

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government are contemplating to scrap the Indus Water Treaty between India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the demand of scrapping the said treaty was also raised during the workshop organized on the National Water Policy, 2002; and

(d) If so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) There have been suggestions including in the press that India should consider abrogating the Indus Waters Treaty in view of Pakistan`s sponsorship of terrorism directed against India in violation of international law and bilateral agreements. Government have taken appropriate diplomatic and other measures to effectively defeat the menace of cross border terrorism. Pakistan has made a commitment to stop cross border infiltration on a permanent basis, not to allow the territory of Pakistan to be used for terrorism anywhere in the world, or any organisation in Pakistan to indulge in terrorism in the name of Kashmir.

(c) & (d) The said workshop was on `Policy Action Dialogue` to discuss the Action Plan for implementation of the National Water Policy. The matter of `Indus Waters Treaty` was not a part of the agenda of the workshop.